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Water Supply Committee: 2006 Water Supply Looks Good But Some Flooding Possible

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The Idaho Water Supply Committee said today that the water supply for the upcoming irrigation season looks good and continues to build, and while the high water threat has diminished somewhat, flooding is still possible on some streams.

“We have plenty of snow and we will have plenty of snow this year,” NRCS Snow Survey Hydrologist Phil Morrissey told the committee. “The drier period during February was a blessing because it reduced the chances for major flooding.”

But according to the National Weather Service, the flooding threat across central and southern Idaho is above normal. “Unregulated rivers like the Weiser River could be a problem once the runoff really begins,” Hydrologist Jay Breidenbach said.

Committee members cautioned that another wet spring like last year, on top of the above average snow packs could greatly increase the flooding threat in a short period of time.

The Water Supply Committee will meet again on April 20, 2006 and issue a final forecast for the 2006 irrigation season.

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